

Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) An initiator comprising:

- a conductive header;
- a reactant disposed on one side of the header;
- a cover member for covering the reactant;

an electrode pin extending through the header to protrude from the other side of the header, the electrode pin being insulated from the header;

a heating member provided between the one side of the header and the electrode pin so as to generate heat by the application of electricity;

wherein the header includes a cylindrical terminal protruding from the other side of the header coaxially with the electrode pin; and

a connector-retaining portion provided at a leading end of the cylindrical terminal, and wherein the cylindrical terminal surrounds the electrode pin.

- 2. (Original) An initiator according to claim 1, wherein the connector -retaining portion is an outward flange provided at the leading end of the cylindrical terminal.
- 3. (Original) An initiator according to claim 1, wherein the heating member is a bridge wire.
- 4. (Currently Amended) An initiator comprising:
 - a conductive header;
 - a reactant disposed on one side of the header;
 - a cover member for covering the reactant;

an electrode pin extending through the header to protrude from the other side of the header, the electrode pin being insulated from the header;

a heating member provided between the one side of the header and the electrode pin so as to generate heat by the application of electricity; [[and;]] and

a connector-retaining portion provided at a leading end of the electrode pin, and wherein the connector-retaining portion is shaped like a cone that decreases in diameter toward a leading end thereof.

